THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) Eight States, namely, Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chattisgarh and Tripura have set up State level Employment Guarantee Councils as per the provisions of NREG Act.

(b) and (c) As per Guidelines under NREG Act, in areas where Panchayat system does not exist local Councils/authorities as mandated by the State concerned will be invested with corresponding responsidbilities of Panchayats.

Funds for Rural Development schemes of Bihar

†2866. SHRI MAHENDRA SAHNI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount released by the Ministry of Rural Development for various schemes of Bihar for the year 2006-07.

(b) whether there is any provision in National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to give employment to educated unemployed persons;

(c) if so, in what manner; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The amount released by the Ministry of Rural Development to the Government of Bihar for implementation of various rural development schemes during 2006-07 (upto August, 2006) is Rs. 1472.79 crore.

(b) to (d) The guidelines of the National Rural Employment Guarantee Act mentions that employment upto 100 days in a financial year will be provided to every rural household whose adult member volunteers to do unskilled manual work irrespective of educational qualification.

Non-Implementation of NREGA

2867. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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